IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented). An oxynitride thermoelectric material, which has an element composition represented by the following formula (A):

$$Al_zGa_yIn_xM_uR_vO_sN_t \qquad (A)$$

wherein M represents a transition element; R represents a rare earth element; $0 \leq z \leq 0.7$, $0.1 \leq y \leq 0.3$, $0.2 \leq x \leq 0.9$, $0 \leq u \leq 0.7$, $0 \leq v \leq 0.05$, $0.9 \leq s+t \leq 1.7$ so that the element composition is an oxynitride, and $0.4 \leq s \leq 1.2$; and $x+y+z = 1$, and

has an absolute value of a Seebeck coefficient of 40 μV/K or more at a temperature of 100°C or more.

2. (Previously Presented). The oxynitride thermoelectric material according to claim 1, wherein the element composition has an electrical resistivity of 10^{-3} Ωm or less.

3. (Previously Presented). The oxynitride thermoelectric material according to claim 1, wherein M in formula (A) is at least one transition element selected from Ni, Fe, Co and Mn.

4. (Previously Presented). The oxynitride thermoelectric material according to claim 1, wherein R in formula (A) is at least one rare earth element selected from Gd, Sc, Sm, Tb and Dy.

5. (Previously Presented). The oxynitride thermoelectric material according to claim 1, which comprises at least one having an amorphous structure.

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12. (Previously Presented): The oxynitride thermoelectric material according to claim 1, wherein $0.3 \leq x \leq 0.8$.